

REMARKS

The Notice stated that Applicants' response was non-compliant because claim 23 was presented twice, once with amendment and once with the designation that it is canceled. The notice stated that only the section containing the alleged non-compliant portion must be resubmitted. Accordingly, Applicants have resubmitted the listing of claims.

Applicants note that the claims submitted herewith are identical to those submitted on January 22, 2004, with the exception that this submission no longer states that claim 23 was canceled. This amendment does not contain any new matter. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

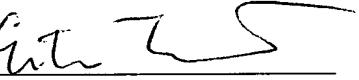
Additionally, the second paragraph of the Remarks section of the response is resubmitted hereunder: The changes are indicated with brackets for the deletion and underline for the addition.

Please cancel claims 13-15, 20-21, and 27-32 without prejudice, because they were withdrawn from consideration as a result of restriction requirement. Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute the subject matter of these claims in the future in a continuing or divisional application. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-12, 16-19, and [24]22-26 will be pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks made herein. Issues raised by the Examiner will be addressed below in the order they appear in the prior Office Action.

The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 212-497-3625. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. JJJ-P01-569 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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